EMPOWER EXTRAORDINARY
THE CAMPAIGN for MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Supporting GRADUATE STUDENTS
“Graduate fellowship funds allow us to successfully compete to attract the best students to Michigan State University, confident that we can provide access to the education they need to take their places as scholars, leaders, and change agents. These students are our collective future.”

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ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION AND DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Advanced education is the key to success in the 21st century knowledge economy. It is a major asset for growth and improvement in the quality of life in the United States and around the world.

Your support of graduate students at MSU helps us to prepare bold, innovative thinkers and leaders. It also strengthens Michigan State University and the communities we serve by supporting young scholars and their research.

Graduate students are researchers; their work has the potential to shape the decisions of tomorrow. Working collaboratively with faculty mentors, our graduate students are both acquiring skills and techniques while sharing their own knowledge with others.
Graduate students are also teachers, helping to educate undergraduate students and providing them with the skills they need to succeed. They assist faculty in teaching courses, lead courses of their own, and work in small sessions with students to help them master new concepts and to grow intellectually.

Graduate students also share their knowledge with colleagues around the world through conference and professional development opportunities.

Additional funding is needed to provide graduate fellowships and improve programs offered through the Graduate School that will benefit even more students. University Distinguished Fellowships and University Enrichment Fellowships are used to help Michigan State recruit the best and brightest graduate students from around the country. They are competitively awarded based upon academic excellence, leadership potential, and contribution to a diverse educational community. MSU Graduate School’s professional development programs help students develop the research, teaching, and presentation skills they will need in future careers in academia or industry. Wellness programs help ensure they develop the fortitude to succeed in a rigorous graduate program.

By investing in fellowships you will ensure that Michigan State can continue to attract the brightest minds to its graduate programs, strengthening our teaching and research mission, and providing significant incentives that encourage the best faculty to make MSU their home.

OUR FUNDING GOAL TO SUPPORT GRADUATE STUDENTS IS $9 MILLION.

GRADUATE SCHOOL ENDOWED FELLOWSHIPS $6 MILLION

GRADUATE SCHOOL EXPENDABLE FELLOWSHIPS $3 MILLION
Supporting **Graduate Students**

**Named University Distinguished Fellow**
Your gift of $1,000,000 creates a named University Distinguished Fellowship endowment. Each University Distinguished Fellowship helps support a doctoral student who is among the best and brightest at MSU. This award will be used for recruitment of students and completion of their degrees. An investment in a University Distinguished Fellowship endowment is an investment in the next generation of leaders to tackle society’s most pressing problems.

**Named University Enrichment Fellow**
Your gift of $1,000,000 creates a named University Enrichment Fellowship endowment. Each University Enrichment Fellowship helps support a doctoral student who is among the best and brightest at MSU and helps the university to create an excellent and diverse student body. This award will be used for recruitment of students and completion of their degrees.

**Named Dissertation Completion Fellow**
Your gift of $125,000 creates a named Dissertation Completion Fellowship endowment. Each dissertation completion fellowship supports an excellent doctoral student as he/she completes a PhD program and launches a career.
Enhancing the **Student Experience**

**Named International Experience Fellowship**
Your gift of $125,000 creates a named International Experience Fellowship endowment. International Experience Awards provide a financial aid package to cover expenses related to international study programs and research abroad. These programs broaden horizons, expand understanding and send an MSU graduate student out to be influenced and to influence others.

**Named Academic Experience Fellowship**
Your gift of $100,000 creates a named Academic Experience Fellowship endowment. These awards support graduate students and allow them to participate in academic and research experiences off campus and across the globe.

**Named Conference Travel Fellowship**
Your gift of $50,000 creates a named Conference Travel Fellowship endowment. Awards support expenses related to travel and conferences, allowing high quality students to present their research in the United States and around the world.

Supporting **Strategic Initiatives**
Gifts of any size can be contributed to to the strategic initiatives fund. Funds will be spent on areas of strategic significance to the Graduate School, that may include: career & professional development for students; research enhancement student support; interdisciplinary research support to solve society’s difficult issues; and programs for the improvement of teaching skills for future faculty.
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Derrick Stobaugh, the 2014 Blake & Mary Krueger University Distinguished Fellow.
The Krueger endowment is MSU’s first donor-funded University Distinguished Fellowship.
Courtesy: University Advancement.